

PRIMARY SCHOOL
LEAVING EXAMINATIONS



2017 PROVISIONAL SUMMARY OF RESULTS

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The Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) is a criterion referenced examination that is administered to all learners who have completed the Ministry of Basic Education (MoBE) 7-year primary school programme. PSLE candidates sit examinations in seven subjects, namely: Setswana, English, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Agriculture and Religious and Moral Education. PSLE results provide feedback across different levels of the education system in terms of the learner's achievement of important knowledge and skills within the primary education programme. This report presents a summary of the 2017 PSLE results. It reports performance at national, regions and by subject and gender. The report is structured as follows:

1.0 Candidature

2.0 Overall Performance

3.0 Performance by Region

4.0 Performance by Subject

5.0 Performance by Gender

6.0 Summary of Results

1.0 CANDIDATURE

Table 1.1: PSLE CANDIDATURE IN 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 BY SUBJECT					
SUBJECTS	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Setswana	43086	42160	41905	41 911	43808
English	43775	42797	42553	42 517	44427
Mathematics	43775	42797	42553	42 517	44427
Science	43775	42797	42553	42 517	44427
Social Studies	43775	42797	42553	42 517	44427
Agriculture	43775	42795	42553	42 517	44427
Religious and Moral Education	43723	42754	42508	42 470	44375
Total Candidature	43775	42797	42553	42 517	44427

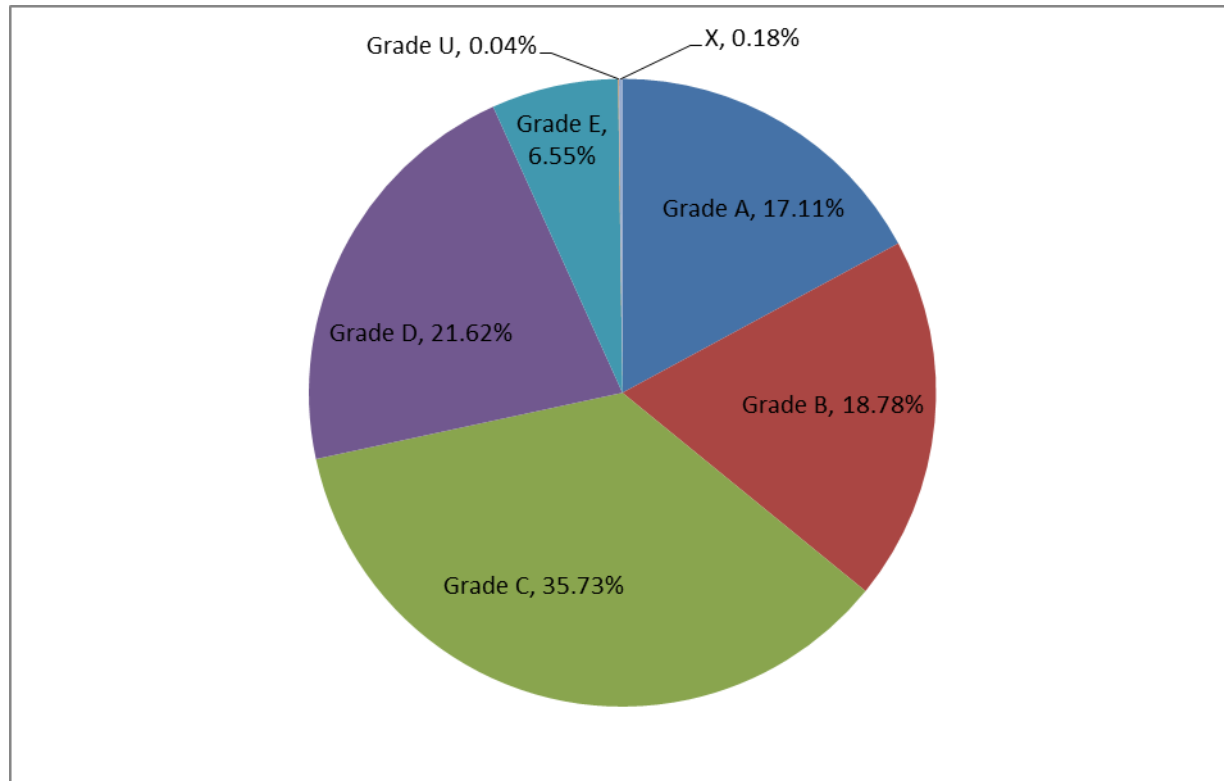
- A total of 44427 candidates sat for the 2017 Primary School Leaving Examination. Of this number, 22340(50.28%) were females 22087(49.72%) were males.
- The candidature increased from 42517 in 2016 to 44427 in 2017, which represents an increase of 1910 (4.49%).

2.0 OVERALL PERFORMANCE

TABLE 2.1: 2017 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS

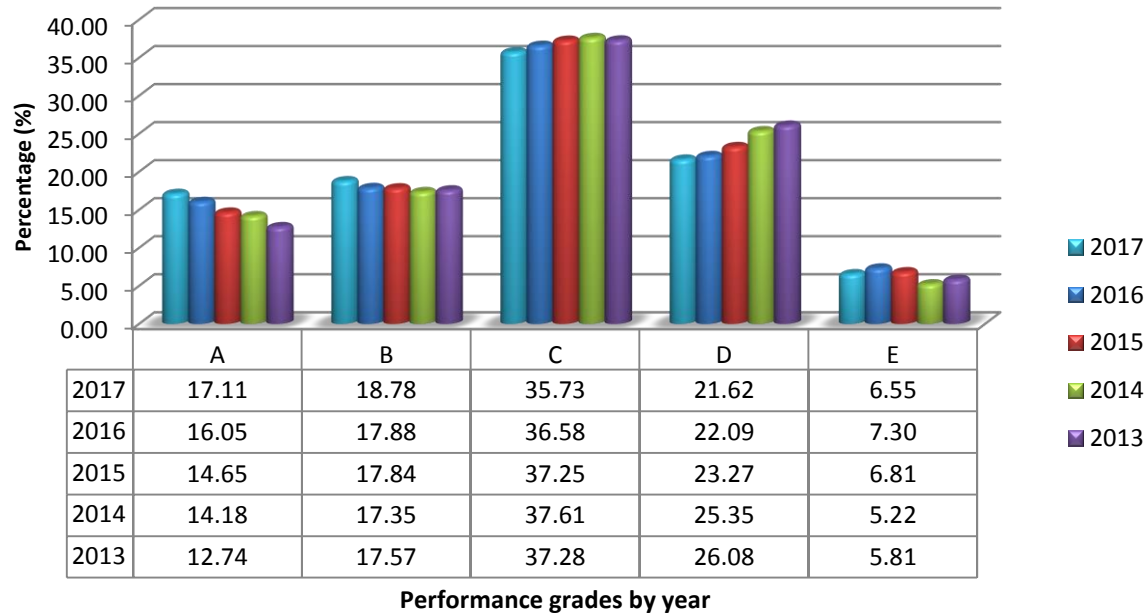
Grade	Candidature	Percentage
A	7602	17.11
B	8345	18.78
C	15872	35.73
D	9604	21.62
E	2909	6.55
U	17	0.04
X	78	0.18
Total	44427	100%

FIGURE 2.1: 2017 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION RESULTS



The majority of students obtained a Grade C (35.73%) as shown in the pie chart. 21.62% obtained a Grade D while 6.55% obtained Grade E.

Figure 2.0: Comparison of PSLE Overall performance in 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013

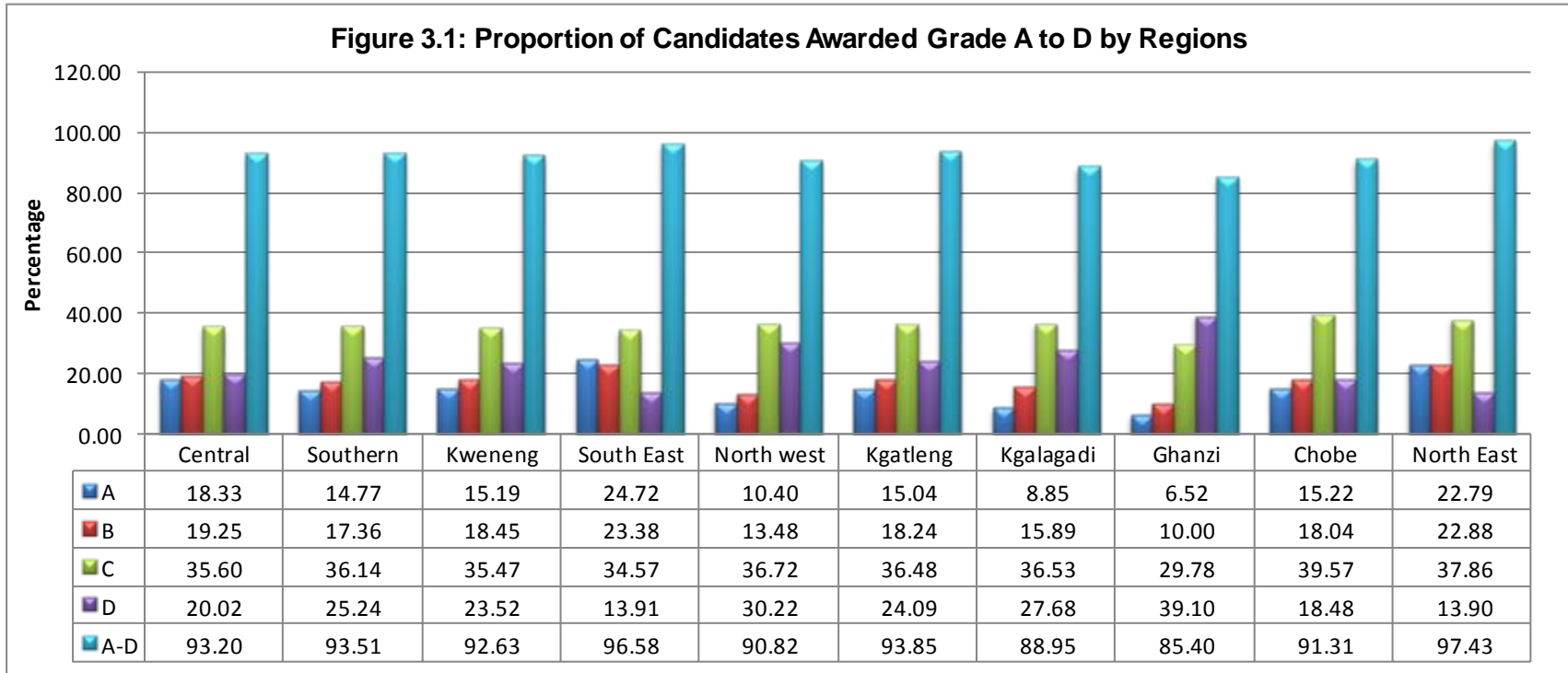


Performance in the 2017 PSLE results has increased by 1.06%, from 16.05% in 2016 to 17.11% in 2017 for Grade A.

Percentage of candidates obtaining grade B has improved slightly by 0.9%, from 17.88 in 2016 to 18.78% in 2017. Candidates at Grade C declined by 0.85% from 36.58% in 2016 to 35.73% in 2017. Cumulatively, the percentage of A-C is 71.62% compared to 70.51% of 2016. This is a slight increase of 1.11% of quality grades

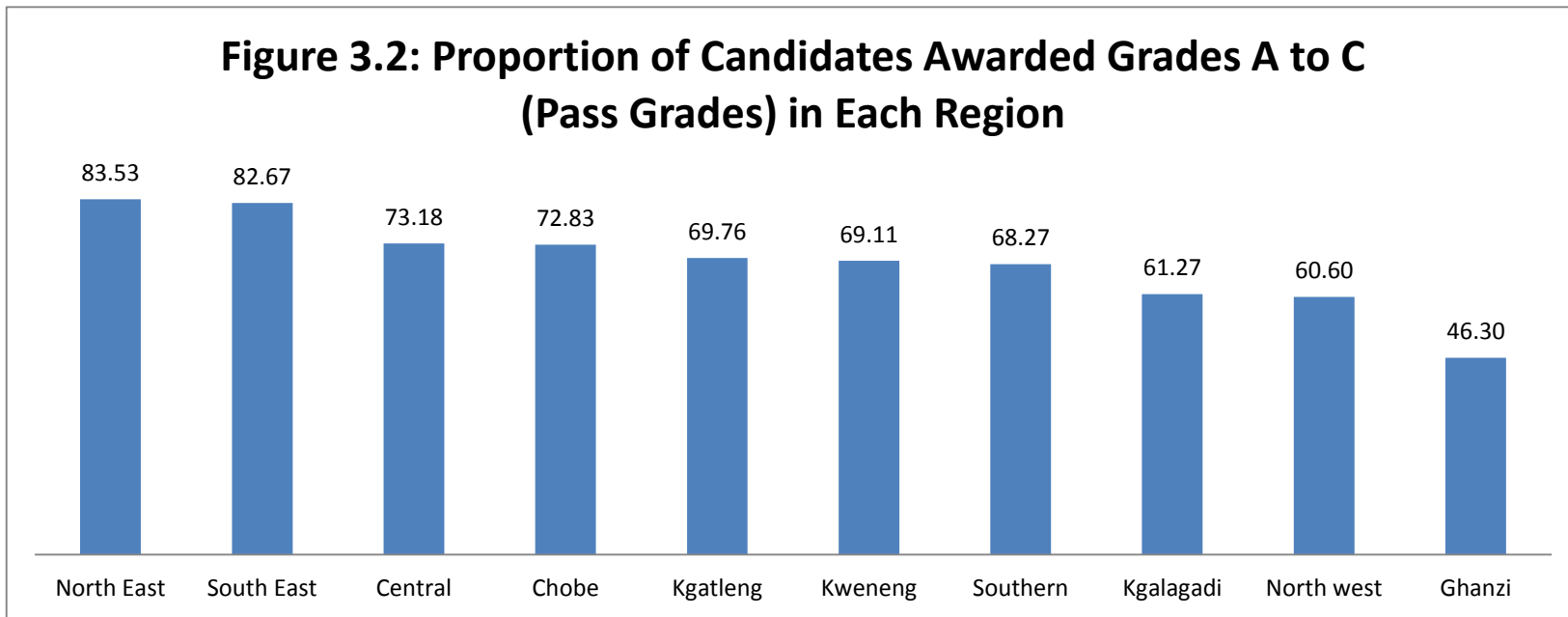
The proportion of candidates at grade D has decreased by 0.47% from 22.09% (2016) to 21.62% (2017). Grade E had a decrease of 0.75% from 7.30% (2016) to 6.55% in (2017).

3.0 PERFORMANCE BY REGIONS



South East has the highest proportion of Grade A (24.72%) while Ghanzi has the least Grade A (6.52%). Ghanzi has the largest proportion of Grade D (39.10%).

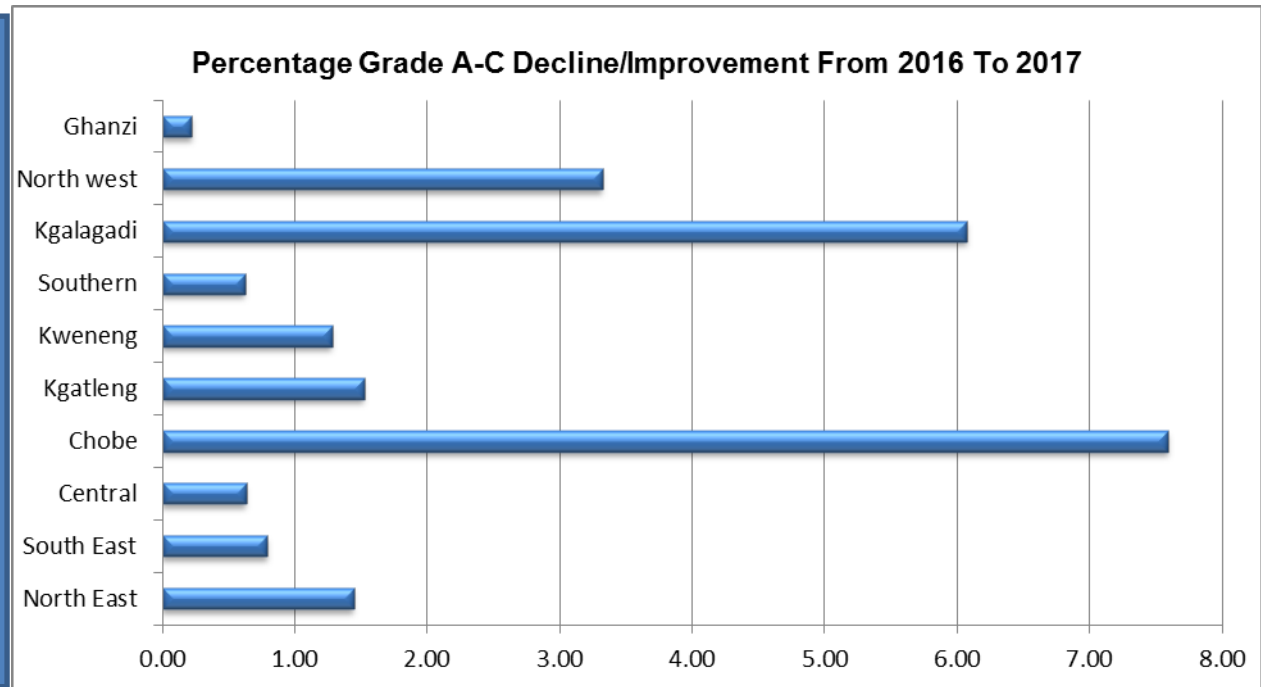
Figure 3.2: Proportion of Candidates Awarded Grades A to C (Pass Grades) in Each Region



North East Region with 83.53% and South East Region with 82.67% performed significantly higher than other region. The least performing region is Ghanzi at 46.30%. It should be noted that in the previous years, Jwaneng and Lobatse were reported independently, but have since been included under Southern region.

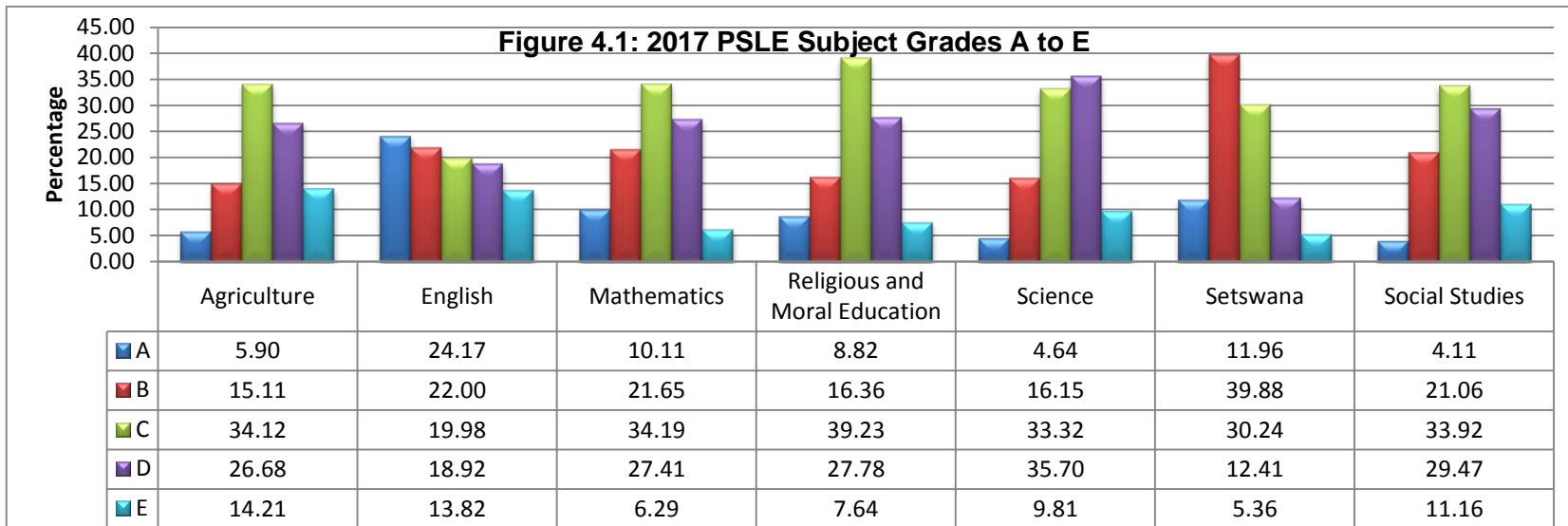
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Region	Decline/ Improvement
North East	1.44
South East	0.79
Central	0.63
Chobe	7.59
Kgatleng	1.52
Kweneng	1.28
Southern	0.62
Kgalagadi	6.07
North west	3.32
Ghanzi	0.22

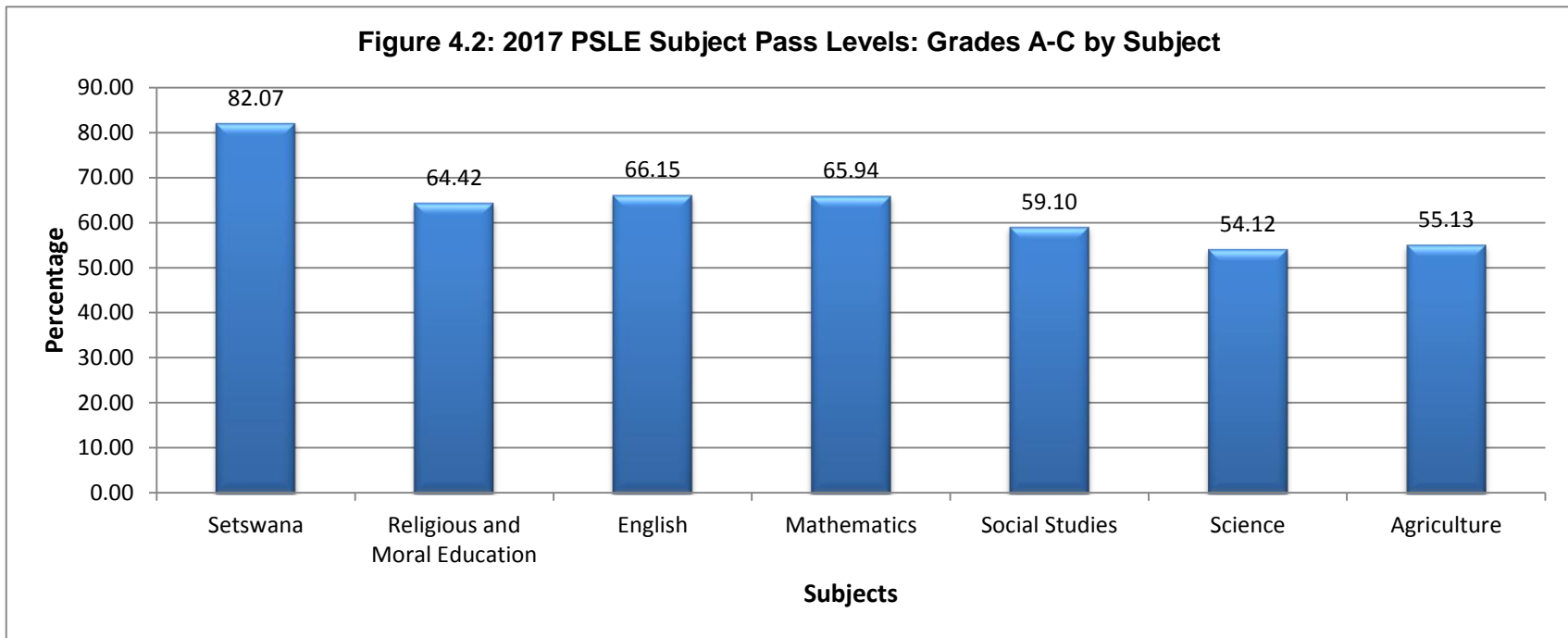


Compared to 2016, the proportion of candidates earning pass grades (A to C) increased in all regions. Chobe has the greatest improvement of 7.59%, followed by Kgalagadi at 6.07% and North West at 3.32%.

4.0 PERFORMANCE BY SUBJECT

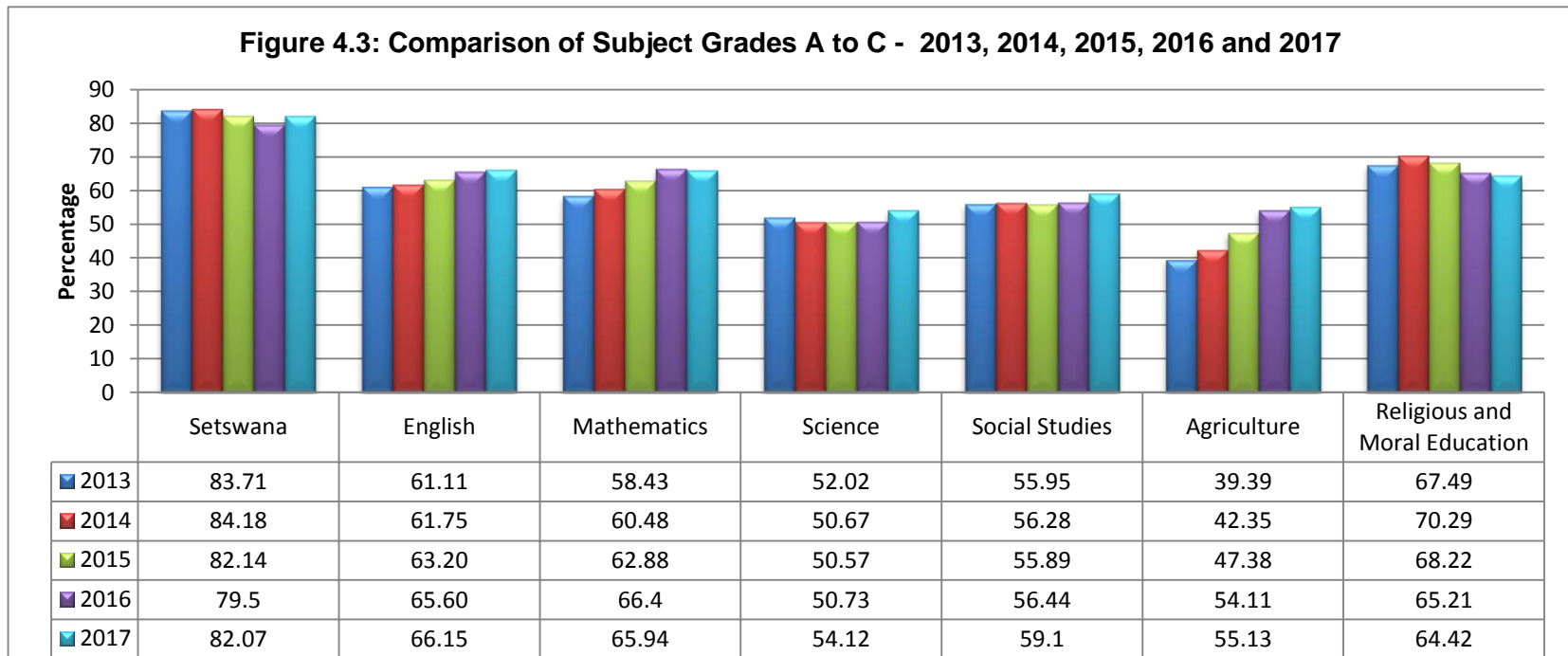


- The results show the highest proportion of candidates awarded grade A in English, at 24.17%, and for English, A is the modal grade.
- The lowest proportion of candidates awarded grade A is in Science at 4.64%. On the other hand Science recorded the highest proportion of candidates at grade D, making D the modal grade for Science.
- Setswana has the highest proportion of candidates at grade B with 39.88% compared to other subjects.
- Religious and Moral Education has the highest proportion of candidates awarded grade C at 39.23% compared to other subjects.
- Agriculture has the highest proportion of candidates awarded grade E with 14.21%.



- Setswana registered the highest A to C grades at 82.07% followed by English at 66.15%.
- Science has the lowest A to C grades at 54.12%.

Figure 4.3: Comparison of Subject Grades A to C - 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017



Compared to 2016 Science obtained the largest significant improvement of 3.39% followed by Social Studies at 2.66%, Setswana at 2.57%. A decline was noted in Mathematics and Religious and Moral Education.

5.0 OVERALL PERFORMANCE BY GENDER

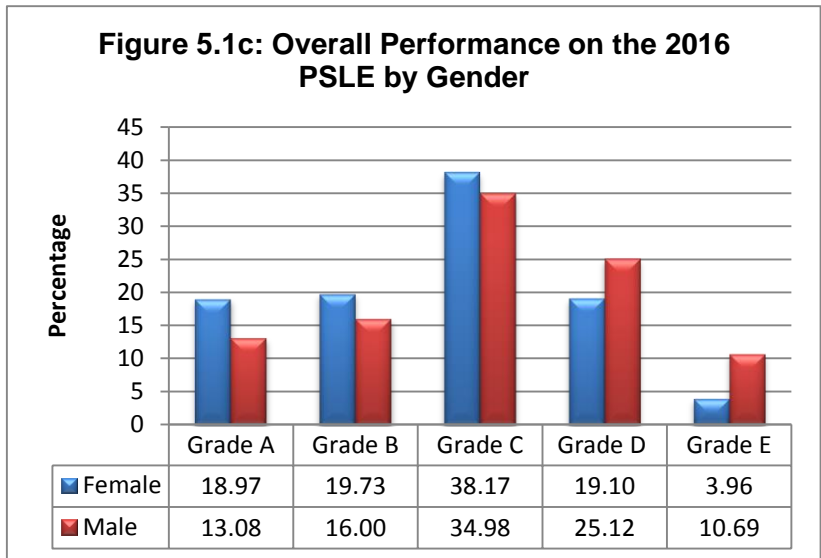
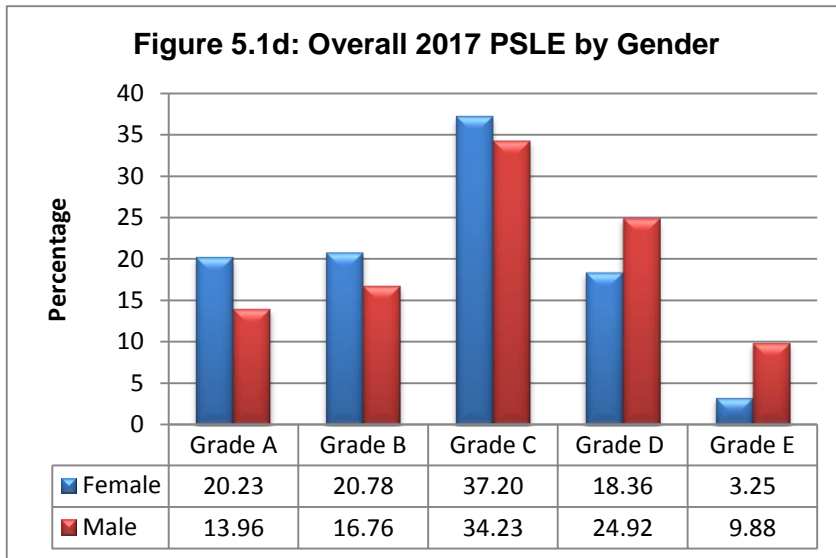


Figure 5.1b: Overall 2015 PSLE by Gender

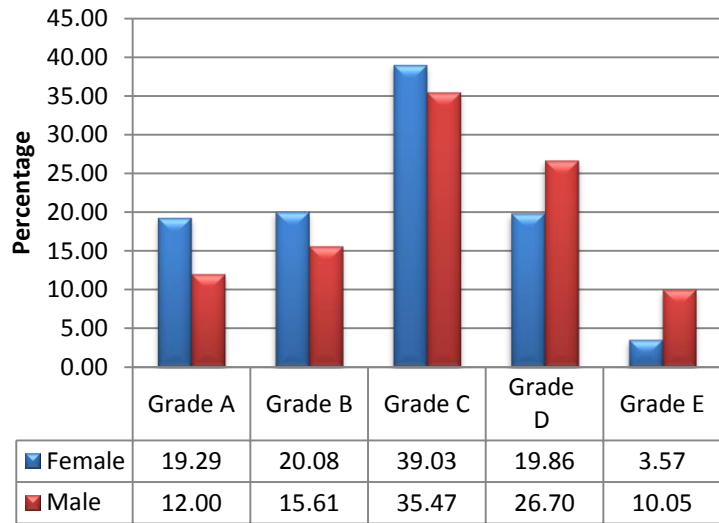
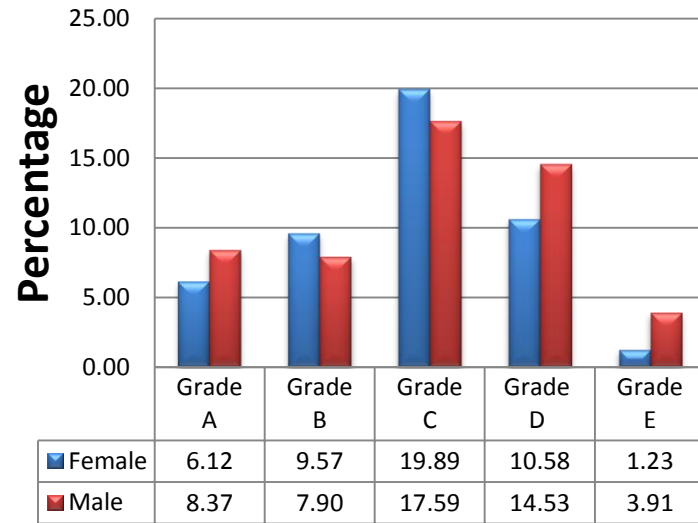
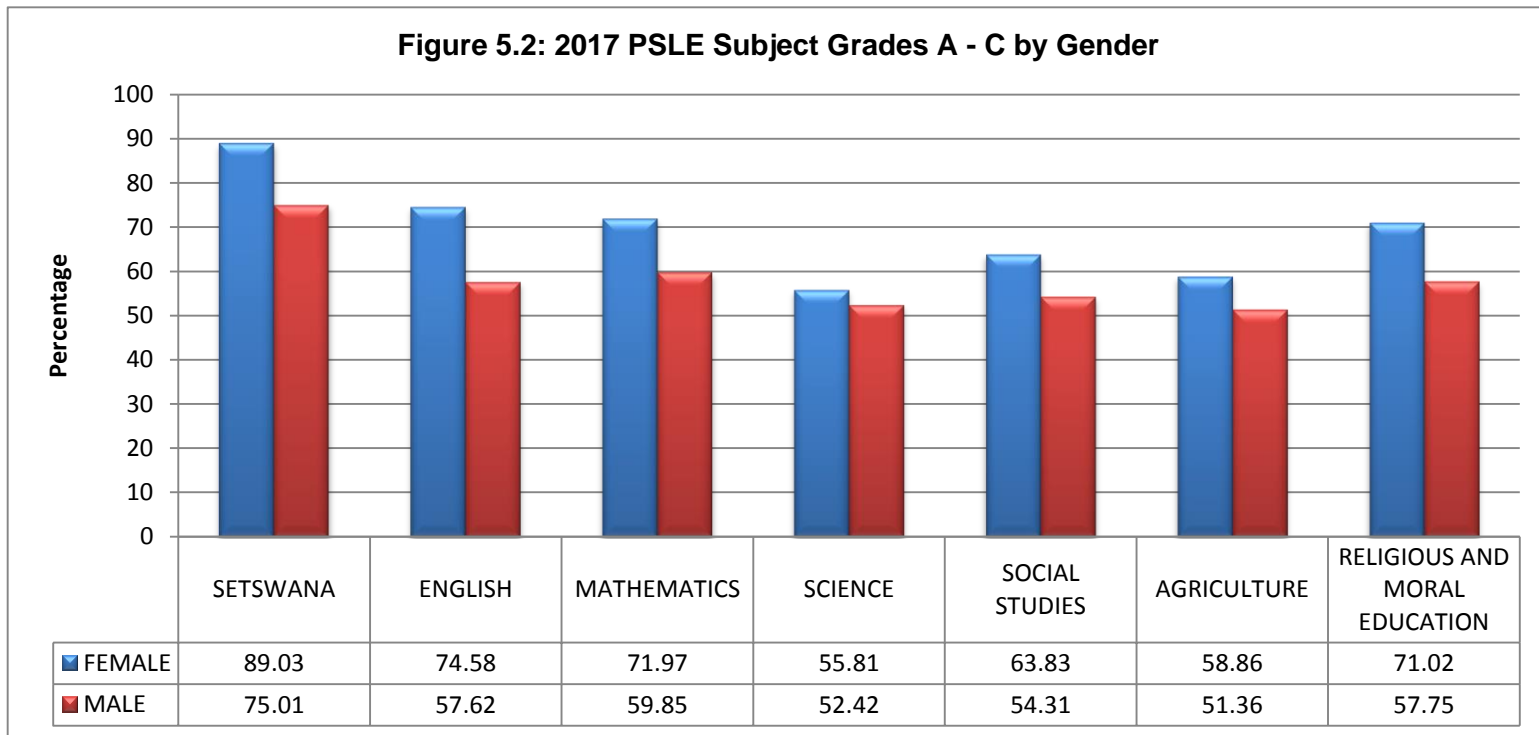


Figure 5.1a: Overall 2014 PSLE by Gender





- Generally, females are performing better than the males across all the four (4) years; 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 results as shown in Figure 5.1.
- For the year 2017 at subject level, females outperformed their male counterparts in all subjects.

6.0 SUMMARY OF THE 2016 PSLE RESULTS

- A total of 44427 candidates sat the 2017 PSLE compared to 42517 in 2016 and 42553 in 2015, representing an increase of 4.49% in candidature between 2017 and 2016, whereas there was a decrease of 0.08% in candidature between 2016 and 2015.
- Overall, there is a slight increase of 1.11% in the candidates awarded grades A to C, in 2017 compared to 2016.
- Science had the most significant improvement at 3.39%.
- Females performed better than males across all subjects.
- Regions which have shown significant improvement are Chobe (7.59%), Kgalagadi (6.07%) and North West (3.32%)